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Making an assertion, with which we thoroughly agree, that "currently a runaway military technology dictates the size and shape of our budget, distorts the economy, fashions diplomacy, determines policy," the editors of *The Nation* go on to say that the first corrective is to demolish the myth of ultimate weapons. "Once rid of this fantasy, we might be able to concentrate on the fashioning of a policy aimed at the achievement of a just and durable peace."

To demolish the myth of ultimate weapons is indeed a worthy task; but is not the myth itself a product of terror? And while the terror lasts will not the myth abound? Especially when it is such a profitable myth, rivalling Santa Claus as a producer of profits. Of \$124,348,916,000 spent in the US on 'defense' in 8 years a large and rapidly growing proportion is going for missiles, and these missiles are of course to carry the ultimate weapon. According to *Missiles and Rockets* (2/57) the US will spend over \$2 billion for missiles in 1958 with another 2 billion available. In an article in *The Nation* following its editorial, Vern Haugland quotes the senior co-ordinator of the Aircraft Industries Association: "All the major aircraft companies are showing greater growth in missile programing than in aircraft. Some companies are setting up their own missile divisions."

Douglas Aircraft sold \$140,000,000 worth of missiles alone in 1956, Lockhead \$52,700,000. Convair is building a \$40,000,000 plant to make Atlas missiles which travel all the way to Russia (if pointed in that direction) at 10 to 15 times the speed of sound. Martin has over \$400,000,000 backlog orders in missiles. Bell Aircraft, North American Aviation, Aerojet-General Corporation, Reaction Motors inc., General Electric, Sperry Rand, Thiokol Chemical, are some others who ride the missile myth.

The language of the myth is intoxicating: ramjet-powered, rocket-boosted, supersonic, and so on. Missile toys are becoming the rage—more big business.

Flashlight, the invaluable fact sheet from the Palo Alto Peace Club (Box 205, Palo Alto, Calif.) in a recent issue (5/57) "Supersonic Suicide" quotes *Fortune* (12/56): "Fewer than 150 ICBM's (intercontinental ballistic missiles), fired at ten minute intervals, could in a day kill or maim 75,000,000 US citizens and convert most of the nation's populated areas into wastelands, uninhabitable for generations." *Flashlight* then goes on to expose in detail a world overhung with disaster. Hundreds of German rocket experts are at work in the US army, while the US navy plans 50 missile ships and nuclear-powered submarines armed with missiles. *Aircraft with missiles has become the largest commercial employer in the US.*

The USSR has become a hive of missile production centers with an estimated output of 2000 monthly. Much of their giant submarine fleet is missile and rocket armed.

The British are in the game now with their exploiting of the H-Bomb and revamping their armed forces along nuclear war-head missile lines. Will France be far behind? Will the Warsaw Pact nations lag? Our Nazi allies of West Germany are busy in Spain setting up nuclear war plants.

It is indeed an extremely dangerous situation when it is considered that one or two of these squibs can destroy England. The world is missile mad. And after the missile comes the manned space-rocket bomber. And after that?

One thing is certain: Somewhere along the chain of determined (planned, controlled) events an indeterminate is bound to intervene. With the passage of time this is more rather than less likely to happen. The pressures of exasperation will continue to rise and accumulate until they break through the containing walls of reason. Some human agent will give way in the head, blow his top, go berserk, or simply make a mistake in his calculations. We know, for instance, that a missile from a US proving ground went astray last year and landed where it wasn't supposed to land. We also know that the US atomic experts made a mistake in gauging the strength of one of their bombs. After all, this is a period of experimentation, and experiments can never be guaranteed to work out exactly as planned. In this case the laboratory is the planet earth itself and the life that walks on its surface and knows itself as Man. If you will cast your eye forward to the time when, either by mistake or by the deliberate act of some eager beaver on one side or the other, a missile carrying a Super Bomb lands in the US or the USSR you can easily imagine what would happen. We say our bombs are deterring them and they say the same thing in reverse. Mutual deterrence may in past times have postponed wars; it has never prevented them to date. Atomic warfare, once launched, will release new ranges of demonic power in the human atom; it will rouse passions to the pitch of insanity and horror will run its course.

Two thousand American scientists have called for the cessation of these experiments, to their lasting honor. Thousands more would have joined their call if they had been free agents. The churches back and fill on this issue, paralyzed by their moral investment in the satanic Dulles, who decries the emphasis on arms out of one side of his mouth (with his eye to his church clientele) and sells "massive retaliation" and brinkmanship out of the other.

The basic philosophy of the Chinese and Russian regimes join with their economic hopes and plans and with their plain self-interest to forbid military adventures. On the other hand the US at the present time, and for the past seven years, has had an invasion force in Chinese territory and has extended the Monroe Doctrine to the whole non-Communist world.

It is not a question of what will deter American aggression. Supporting the UN in putting a quietus on the British-French-Israeli intervention in the Near East, the US thereupon without

apology of any sort sailed the US fleet into the Near East, landed marines and shored up the throne of an autocratic prince which was beginning to totter under popular pressure. The US is acting as an adversary of Progress to keep the people of the world in that condition of life to which they were born. The current *Monthly Review* epitomizes the US performance in Jordan as having been "from beginning to end one of the most shocking exhibitions of brutality, cynicism, and hypocrisy that the world has ever seen."

We would sum it up with the phrase "atomic blackmail." For the sixth fleet is an atomic force and the US relied (as they have been relying throughout this period) on the self-restraint of the USSR which might reasonably have considered this invasion a *casus belli*. Certainly it would have been so considered by the US if the USSR had in like manner invaded South America.

Now it is very far from our intention to arouse angry passions or to provoke attacks of self-righteousness on either side of the Iron Curtain. But nothing is served, indeed all may be lost, by failing to discriminate between the US and the USSR in world policy and outlook. They are alike only in the possession of great military power. As to freedom in human development the US has been more free but is moving towards less freedom: the USSR has been less free but is moving in the direction of more freedom. In economy, one decentralizes from a position of over-centralization, the other concentrates its economic power into fewer hands. Military spending is for both a total waste, but in the US a dollar out of three dollars spent for arms goes directly into the pockets of a small minority of businessmen whose interest it is to hide this fact (of the waste of military spending) by a dense smog of propaganda; while in the USSR the waste is obvious to all the people. This is not to guarantee that the US will attack first or that the USSR will wait indefinitely for that attack. Yet the Dulles policy of periodically approaching the 'brink' is based on the illusive supposition that the USSR possesses superhuman patience. Thus it is the anti-Communists who have that blind faith in the beneficent self-control of human beings, usually attributed by our pessimistic theologians to the Communists. Such illusions are sure preludes to war and planetary death.

NOW PREACH REPENTENCE

It may be truly said that today there is no church of Christ. For Christ did not make a church to speak pleasantries to the world, or to beg the world to give up a few habits which are just as inconvenient to Satan as to God, or to soothe the world's nerves and guide it to happiness and riches. His church was to speak out of its Self which is Christ. It was to hold up before the world

a way of life that breaks through the world's way of life. It was to beckon the children of the ambitious love of darkness to leave that foolishness and to come out into the path of unambitious love which leads to peace and equality and to that out-of-this-world (but not spatially out of this world) condition he called the Realm of God.

That beckoning is the call to repentance. Repentance itself is the turning from the old love to the new; but it must be spelled out in specific terms to the people of this continent.

The church does not sound that call. The church lacks prophecy today. Its ministers serve anything but God. Of course the vast majority serve Mammon-worshippers, our great middle classes and their satellites. Another great number just drift on a stream of inertia. A much smaller number imagine themselves to be prophetic but are conditioned by a fear of being caught agreeing with the 'party.' Then there is the still smaller number who fear to be caught disagreeing. They all forget that Christ came before the party and that he spoke as sternly as the fiercest revolutionary against a civilization based on greed. And they forget that Christ is here to teach all parties.

It is in his name that we call US-Canada to repentance. For US-Canada presents to the world a united front of ruthless imperialism. If we don't repent now we shall repent later, but it will be too late to save the lives of hundreds of millions of children. Our children and those of our brothers and sisters. How shall we induce repentance?

Most of us remember the insistent demand of Bishop Bereczky in revolutionary Hungary for repentance on the part of the Hungarian Protestant churches for having failed in the days of the Hapsburgs and in the days of Horthy to stand for the cause of justice to the people. A third of that nation were barefoot, illiterate, landless serfs, many of them slaving on vast areas belonging to the Church of Rome. The Protestant churches, Bereczky said over and over again, had failed to make an effective protest against these and other injustices, had profited materially from injustice, and had betrayed Christ. And today, in the Hungarian Church Press just received, we read these potent words of Professor Hromadka: "It is horrible even to think of it, that both wars (World War I and World War II) were started by Christian nations. Those horrors fell upon us owing to our own, our fathers', and our grandfathers' sins, and also to our betraying the Christian faith and to our great alienations. I am greatly worried that wherever I go, either here amongst ourselves, or elsewhere, I do not see that greatness and reality of repentance which we ought to feel in such circumstances. Have we got any business here? Any role or mission? How should we carry our Christ's commission? This must be for us (Czechs), and for you, too (Hungarians), the question of questions."

Now to call for repentance while sin pays rich dividends and high wages is a hard proposition. Billy Graham calls for repentance, but sin pays his bills so he carefully avoids sin (calling it controversial) and concentrates on peccadilloes. This is true of the whole tribe of so-called fundamentalists. It is a far different and more difficult thing to call this nation to repentance *while it prepares war* than it is for the Czechs and Hungarians to call for repentance *after the war is over*.

Yet this is what our churches must do if they would embrace the Cross of Christ. That is what he did. He didn't wait till after the war. He didn't wait till "came the revolution." Even Bereczky has met with plenty of opposition to his prophetic preaching, particularly from those who retained confidence in the old order and expected a counter-revolution to put it back in its hallowed place. And in fact they were right (briefly), for the counter-revolution did come, and it brought a lesson. But who will read it? The lesson, we suggest is that while it may be profitable to repent past sins the profit is only taken when our repentance throws light on present sins and induces us to correct them.

It is the genius of Christianity to keep hammering at the doctrine of individual worth and universal love. It has no other business than to announce the power of love, and to announce it chiefly through the act of love. In the perspective of justice, as envisaged by the state, there are bound to occur hardships. In the workers' state there will be less hardship than in the owners' state; but all states operate through law and law can never do more than approximate exact justice. Indeed there is probably no such thing as exact justice. Laws move in dialectical fashion, forever correcting one another and then correcting the correction. The informing, the impregnation of justice by love is the business of the poet or the prophet or the preacher. *He must preach to the revolution* as well as denounce the counter-revolution. And it is because his preaching to the revolution has not been sufficiently stern and objective that the counter-revolution is able to build up its steam to the point of explosion. To be specific, Hungarian Protestantism went astray when it went to Evanston. It had no real business with the paper organization known as the World Council of Churches. And if the Communist Government of Hungary urged the Hungarian Protestants to collaborate with the WCC (we don't know if it did, but *if it did*) then they should have told the government to keep out of the church's business, even if it meant the sacrifice of all government subsidies. This is something else the Church in Hungary should repent of: dallying with the oily flesh-pots of the World Council.

The peoples of the world want peace, but not Pax Americana. Each person wants to be that person; each family wants to be that family; each nation wants to be that nation. Earth-patriotism hasn't arrived yet. Before earth or global patriotism can develop we must have a genuine feeling of equality among the nations.

That cannot come about while one nation lords it over others. A nation lording over others or lorded over by others cannot be itself.

History is now at this point. The British Empire was not the latest in a procession. It was the end of the procession. It was the last empire. Its final mad imperial gesture was the invasion of Egypt. Britain was always the least imperial of empires, carrying everywhere it went the seeds of its own disintegration. The 'empire' now emerging is what Harvey O'Connor calls the empire of oil. The lowest of all common denominators, cash, robs it of character. It is almost an abstraction. It can have no hold on the hearts of men. It cannot cry or sing. It cannot last long. Yet while it does last it can do more harm to the world than all the other marauders of history put together. It is a supergovernment operating through the armed might of the United States of America, whose President and Secretary of State are its servants. Yet all the American people have to do is to open their mouths to make it their servant. Therefore the responsibility for this robot 'empire' rests on the American people and specifically on those who minister to the vision of the American people.

A terrible thing has happened on this continent. Its people have been poisoned so long by a diet of hate they are very sick. Their poets and preachers cannot cure them, for those who mouth the words of the American tradition (which is a Biblical tradition) are as poisoned with hate and fear as the listening reading public. And those who might help are either marxist-conditioned or antimarxist-conditioned, besides being too sophisticated to speak out of the center of the American tradition in words the people can understand. They do not thunder as the prophets of Israel thundered using those symbols of reality which *mean* reality to the people. They fear to be thought old-fashioned and so they let Satan-in-a-top-hat and Satan-in-a-round-collar use the very power of God in the people to confuse and confound and destroy the people.

It is the rule in history that repentance comes after military defeat, which is looked upon as deserved chastisement by God or Reality. They thought the wall was a mirage and rushed to pass through it, but they found it was real and broke their bodies on it. Then the prophet came and gave them a lesson about walls and they repented of having mixed up reality and unreality. But it was not long before they were repeating the mistake.

As a matter of fact we Americanadians have suffered a number of preliminary defeats. Our aggression in Korea was rebuffed. Our attack through Formosa is frustrated as was our attempt on Southeast Asia. But we have managed to hide these defeats from our consciousness, for our cities have not been levelled and our standard of living advances.

The great question is: must we wait for a defeat that brings desolation, waste, mass-death before we preach repentance? Or

shall we preach it now while Mammon feeds his children fat? Shall we hurl God's word into Mammon's face? *We do that. We call on some small group to become true Christians and preach repentance to the nation and to its leaders.*

LATTERDAY LOG

In a letter to the *Chicago Tribune*, dated Feb. 20, 1957, Sir John Pratt, British expert on Far Eastern affairs and at one time an official of the British Foreign Office, refers to what the *Tribune* called the Day of Infamy, December 7, 1941: "Today, America is again moving needlessly towards another Day of Infamy even more disastrous than Pearl Harbour, but this is not because information is withheld from the public, as the editorial (in the *Tribune*) suggests, but because the public prefers not to look at facts which make them feel uncomfortable. Everybody knows that the Korean war was started in order to provide a pretext for excluding China from the United Nations and for setting up bases in Formosa and Korea. But no one has the courage to suggest that the first step should now be taken, before it is too late, to reverse the policy which Truman judged it prudent to adopt when he capitulated to McCarthy in April, 1950."

According to George Seldes, writing in the *York Gazette and Daily*, President Eisenhower in naming Henry J. Taylor ambassador to Switzerland said he was "a man for whom I have had a considerable admiration for a long time . . . As far as I know, his views are very greatly like mine in the foreign field." Taylor, Seldes reminds us, is a very wealthy businessman, once found guilty by the Federal Trade Commission of unlawful use of patents and so-called licensing agreements to obtain monopoly and fix exorbitant prices. In 1944 Taylor wrote an attack on the Four Freedoms in the *Reader's Digest*, which was reprinted by Hitler. He repeatedly praised fascist actions in his weekly radio broadcasts for General Motors. He is a friend, says Seldes, of numerous fascist dictators. He hates liberalism and democracy. The President likes him.

The Lidice monument out in Illinois, once dedicated by Wendell Wilkie to the everlasting memory of the victims of Nazi atrocity and as an eternal symbol of freedom is now a cigarette-butt and paper cluttered baseball diamond backstop. But never mind, the 'free world' has other shining and uncluttered symbols: Hiroshima, Nagasaki. And then there are those human symbols, pioneer guardians of freedom, premature anti-Communists, Speidel, Chiang, Rhee, Franco.

The *New Statesman and Nation* (London, England) announces that South Africa has become a completely Fascist state. It has

even "gone beyond Hitler" denying civil rights not to the minority but to the great majority of its people. South Africa is an integral part of the British Commonwealth, so we haven't much to brag about compared to Russia whose faults do not include the color bar.

Our Western civilization flourishes in Baltimore, Maryland, with rape, honkey-tonks, strippers, B-girls on the rampage. The newspapers, says Gerald Johnson in the *New Republic*, "are full of despairing yells from denizens of jerry-built housing developments who find the contents of sewers backing up in their dining room floors." But never mind, a Congressional sub-committee has routed 32 hypothetical Communists from the labor force of Bethlehem Steel. So Baltimore is pure.

Governor Leader of Pennsylvania says he will veto any so-called "Right-to-Work" law that reaches his desk. These laws, he says are a return to the lord-serf relationship of feudal days.

All honor to him! Is not, however, the whole labor movement on this continent, barring a few radical unions, virtually in collusion with the war policies (fascist in essence) of the American plutocracy?

Louis St. Laurent doesn't seem too upset in his mind by the recent Canadian vote that turned his party out to pasture. The Liberal Administration at Ottawa was approaching a time of hard decisions. A boom is beginning to show signs of running out of control and could turn into a bust. The change of government possibly relieves Canada of certain involvements with the foreign entanglements of the USA. How this release will be used is another story.

World peace, in any form, and in any degree, throws Wall Street into the jitters. Yet an economy largely built on military spending (as the US economy is) must sooner or later reach the dead end of war or depression. Did Uncle Louis sniff this from afar?

Cyprus: 2 years violence, 259 killed by EOKA, 53 killed by the British, 1014 injured, 700 bomb explosions, 302 Cypriots in prison, Nothing settled.

Steel steal. President David McDonald of the United Steelworkers says the US Steel Corporation is making net profits 30% over last year and yet is planning to raise prices July 1. Going to press, prices hiked \$6 a ton.

Some sophisticated commentators are saying that Billy Graham is "in business with the Lord." Let us put these wise-crackers straight, for when they say that the Lord has anything to do with Billy Graham or the bought-and-sold churches that support him they are trying to mock God, and God will not be

mocked. Billy Graham apparently lives in an unreal world governed by Hollywood and Wall Street standards of success: numbers, money, bigness, sensationalism, notoriety. The money-changers whose tables Christ overturned are on Billy Graham's side.

We learn from the York (Penn.) *Gazette and Daily* what is not generally known, that the Volkswagen is a socialist product. It costs \$950 in West Germany and could sell profitably at \$700. It is a big money maker for the state. Adenauer wants to de-socialize it. He hates it as a model example of socialist business. Exports have risen in 5 years from 50 to 50,000 cars.

Krushchev in his TV interview said the US was blocking cultural interchange with Russia. Drew Pearson (anti-Communist commentator) reports that "careful investigation at the State Department indicates Krushchev is right."

The Pentagon has a delicate way of putting things: They say if the Lake Baikal area in southeast Siberia where Soviet atomic production is concentrated should be bombed, as it would have to be in case of war, radioactive fallout with south winds prevailing would cause India and Burma to *cease to exist as population centers*. (Mark S. Watson, Nation 12/23/55).

"Indian" giving: *Flashlight* quotes C. L. Sulzberger (N.Y. Times 4/3/57) as saying, "Part of India's budget is supported by our economic generosity. But another part is drained off by Delhi's determination not to lag behind Karachi (Pakistan) militarily . . . But both countries spend on defense infinitely more than they can afford. The amount in each case is probably over half the national income." ". . . By our policy, we encourage . . . a sterile military spending race . . . And India's new five-year plan . . . is going down the drain."

It couldn't happen? "Ordinary people tend to dismiss a thermonuclear war as a horrific abstraction," says the *New Statesman and Nation*, "but a White House 'leak' in the January issue of *Fortune Magazine* discloses that last November 6, the National Security Council, meeting in emergency session in Washington, considered the threat of a nuclear attack sufficiently imminent to order the Strategic Air Command to take up preliminary stations."

The 18 West German scientists who told Adenauer they would not work on A-bombs confirm what we said some time ago, that tactical A-bombs are just as destructive as any other A-bombs. They also regard mutual terror as an unreliable method of keeping the peace.

Here is good news: The Southern (USA) Presbyterian Church recently passed very strong resolutions against racial discrimina-

tion and segregation, attacked the KKK and White Citizens Council and defended the interracial farm co-operative project Koinonia.

Subversive talk: "No people, least of all a people with our tradition of personal liberty, will endure the slow erosion of opportunity for the common man, the oppressive sense of helplessness under the domination of a few, which are overshadowing our whole economic life." (F.D.R. 4/29/38).

A Methodist church in Houston, Texas, tried to administer Salk vaccine to 750 persons charging them \$1 each. Everything was done under medical supervision, but the local branch of the American Medical Association killed the program. The AMA doctors charge \$5 a shot and couldn't bear to lose the profit. One dollar polio shots are "socialized medicine."

Murray Kempton in the *New York Post* tells how the New Capitalism sells flesh. Nella Bogart was a corporation chippie, delegate-at-large to one of last summer's dealers' conventions of General Electric Sales Corporation, stimulating good-will and sales. It wouldn't do to try one of the big four industrial giants for pimping, so Nella is being tried in a federal court in New York as a madam. Nella's attorney asked Lewis E. Rinker (the GE advertising man who hired Nella): "You were using the body of this woman to advance the financial interests of the company?" Rinker said he guessed so, "This is a public relations thing. It creates 'good-will.'"

Jaime Potenze, Argentine Roman Catholic journalist, writing in the *Commonweal*, says that at the Quitandinha conference in 1947 "the goal was to consolidate peace; the distinguished delegates of South America knew that this was possible only through their support of the country which had strongly supported all the dictatorships 'south of the border.'" South America is today, for the most part, a conglomeration of tyrannies governed by men who know that as long as they put their natural resources at the disposal of the United States, nobody will bother them . . . (US) policy supports tyrants and flouts Latin American opinion."

According to *Worldwide Press*, carried in *Gazette and Daily*, private West German business interests are negotiating with Madrid for the development of a German armaments industry on Spanish soil. The two principal figures are Willy Messerschmitt, Hitler's ace aircraft designer, and Claude Dornier, another World War II plane builder. Krupp, the Ruhr steel magnate, and Henschel, the locomotive and truck manufacturer, are in on it. The Germans contemplate producing through Spanish subsidiaries jet aircraft, tanks, heavy artillery, submarines and destroyers.

T. K. Quinn, former Vice President of the General Electric Corporation, writing in *The Progressive* says: "The present trend

toward giant corporations in industry and farming is a trend away from basic American ideals—a trend toward an unwholesome impersonal economic society in which young men and women have no greater ambition than to become officers in a vast corporate hierarchy . . . Internally (and what is internal soon shows itself externally, Ed.), the greatest threat to American democracy is the concentration of power in the hands of a few thousand men. They run our giant corporations, banks, and insurance companies, command capital, publish the newspapers and magazines of mass circulation, and control the radio and television stations of our country. They decide, largely, what people may read or see, they channel the investments, direct the production of goods, seek to shape opinion and influence our political parties.

“A great challenge confronts our country—one that cannot be met if we yield to the voices of selfish interests that cry ‘socialism’ to conceal the fact that they are bent on preventing sound public control over their private power.”

Speaking of which a most remarkable document has been concocted by that same G. E. Corp. called “Preliminary Report of Task Force to Study Organizing Government Relations Work.” This is really a fascist planning document. Its inspiration is Lemuel R. Boulware, Vice President of G.E. in charge of public and employee relations. It says: “Business might subsidize a ‘brain trust’ of competent writers (novelists, playwrights, etc.) to begin an active campaign of turning public attitudes away from the left through the source of popular attitude formation (television, movies, stage, radio, novels, magazine articles, etc.)” According to Boulware “unions won the Nov. 6 elections and business lost.” In other words the Eisenhower administration is too far to the left. Senator Goldwater (R. Ariz.) recently attacked Ike along these lines. Marquis Childs in the *New York Post* comments that it is likely that “the kind of attack made by Sen. Goldwater will grow louder as right-wing Republicans dissociate themselves from the ‘modern’ Republicans.” In our view there are no such things as modern Republicans. There are only right-wing reactionary Republicans (now in office) and fascists. This Boulware should be watched.

The responsibility for the atomic arms race belongs to the US. General Herbert C. Holdridge (Box 1986, Sherman Oaks, Calif.) has stated this unequivocally: “Eleven years ago Harry S. Truman, . . . catapulted into the office of President of the United States by the Sons of Lucifer of “Big Business,” gave the command for the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. No military justification existed for this act of such wanton violence as the world had never before known. Since that fatal date, the use of the A and H Bombs has become the keystone of the arch of the foreign policy of the United States, and has initiated a race in armaments in ultimate weapons which can end only in annihilation.”

WHY A NEW CHRISTIAN ?

First, why religion at all?

Because men need deeply-rooted convictions to carry them through the crisis of growth that is upon the world today.

A civilization is being born for which men must be re-born.

Cynics can no more build socialism than they can enter the Kingdom of God. Indeed unless socialism is built as a by-product of entering the Kingdom of God it will not stand. Self-mockery is the worst of all moral erosives. The true builder must respect himself first. Then, feeling his identity with others, he will respect others. But his respect for himself and others must be more than a passing fancy. It must be a deep and abiding passion, and this can only be the result of a leap beyond those propositions which can be known as scientific facts or which can be scientifically proved. I do not say that this respect should or could contradict the generalizations of science. It is simply in another area of human orientation. It is in the area of religion, of faith. It is a gamble, if you will. It is the human bet on himself in the face of what science reports to us as an utterly indifferent universe. Perhaps neutral would be a better word than indifferent. The very great pessimistic hymn of Bertrand Russell implies that the universe is cruel, harsh, indifferent to the strivings of infinitesimal man. But in this hymn Russell ceases to be scientist and becomes poet. And in the very rhythms of his denial are the "windward stirrings" of an affirmation.

The modern mood of unbelief, even the mood of suspended belief, will not stoke the fires of sacrifice necessary to create the basis of social equality.

Even the most dogmatic marxism is better than a vacuum at the springs of action. Marxism has frequently been called a Christian heresy. So it is; and Christian heresy has been involved in every advance since the heretic Jesus was crucified. This is not to approve any heresy just because it is a heresy; but truth-in-action is perforce distorted from the straight line or the perfect circle. Truth incarnate always appears heretical (partial) to those who guard the symbols of its ideal purity.

The point we are trying to make here, however, is that the vast changes in Russia and China could never have been wrought without the enthusiasm generated by an outlook or attitude which can only be characterized as a religion because it is much more than just a world-view; it is a world dynamic. It involves the emotions. It kindles the imagination. And it moves its adherents to acts of sacrificial heroism. Even its chief fault is religious in origin, being an exaggerated optimism with respect to the resistance of men to the temptations of power. It is the same fault which characterized the Christian church through most of its history. This optimism has been and will be further moderated by experience. Checks will be inserted in the political legal foundation of social-

ism to safeguard individual rights.

And it is right here that this movement shows its need for a religion embracing the insights and cosmic attitude of Jesus of Nazareth who taught and exemplified the supreme worth of the individual.

HOT WAR FOR CHINA ?

The US State Department and the US Navy (organs of US expansion) have been very determined to keep the people of the United States ignorant of China and if possible mad at China.

The pro-Administration *Christian Science Monitor* was forced to admit that with regard to the State Department's stand on the proposal to arrange the release of 10 Americans imprisoned in China "reports out of Peking did not confirm Mr. Dulles' analysis of the picture." Dulles said the Chinese were trying to make the prisoners' release conditional on the US letting newsmen into China. Premier Chou En-lai, however, contradicted Dulles and said that the release of the Americans depended entirely on their behavior and had nothing to do with the attitude of the State Department.

Dulles fears what the newsmen might report about China. And this gives us cause to fear that Dulles may have been entertaining hot war plans for China. Under other circumstances surely he could rely on the strong anti-Communist bias of the US press to bolster his anti-Chinese cause.

Anyway there it is: an American newspaper curtain hiding history from the American people. We simply ask: why? We suggest the reason is a serious one and an evil one.

Meanwhile the Seventh Fleet, which has been aggressing in Chinese waters since before the Korean War, is being equipped with atomic weapons and is the largest (150 ships) single integrated force in the entire world today; and Matador guided missile launchers are being installed on Formosa.

Now, to jump to the other side of the world, as one must these days to get a picture of what's afoot, a peculiar yarn is going the rounds of Vienna. The story is that at the time of the Hungarian uprising Allen Dulles (head of the US Central Intelligence Agency) phoned his brother John Foster Dulles, head of the State Department, and offered to send into Hungary CIA Hungarian-trained operatives to aid the rebellion; and John Foster declined the offer. We may not swallow the whole story, but perhaps there is a grain of truth in it. We may take it for granted that CIA operatives were in Hungary when the revolt started and took part in the revolt. However, when it became clear that the success of the revolt meant World War II, then the US military may have counselled restraint. Hungary borders on the USSR and in the language of power

politics (for the USSR in this case survival politics) belongs properly in the Soviet sphere of influence. To have it wrested from them would certainly have triggered war. But, if and when war comes, the US war-party wants it *in a place and at a time of their own choosing*.

Now we are not on correspondence terms with either Admiral Radford or Secretary Dulles or any others of the US war-party; but from what they have said and done and left undone it has seemed fairly clear to us that their aggressive attentions have been focussed in the Far East and *specifically upon China*. So perhaps the play the war-party hoped to make was to throw the Communist Alliance out of gear or off balance so that Russia would be fully occupied in Europe or in the Mid-East, at which time the attack on China could be launched. That attack would involve the destruction of the great system of water control so laboriously achieved and so hopefully planned by the Chinese people, and that is why they don't want our good people to learn of these heroic deeds. It might well lead to a crisis in the American conscience analogous to the crisis in the French conscience over the Algerian affair. Therefore getting the newsmen into China may well serve to stop or at least to divert plans for war. You may say these plans are mere pipe dreams. But *they are being dreamed by men who can make them come horribly true*.

Going over *the brink* in China meant going *up to but not over the brink* in Hungary and the Mid-East. Three nations did go over the brink in the Mid-East and that could easily have precipitated War III which would have played havoc with the time-table above suggested, which is why they were so quickly heeled under by the US-UN. It is our conviction the US war party is determined to attack out of the blue, with no declaration of war, on the well-tested excuse: We discovered *they* were on the point of attack and we just beat them to the punch!

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